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Hello Partners of the Santa Clara County Registrar of Voter's Office!

With the upcoming change in the way Santa Clara County voters will cast their ballots, the Registrar of Voters is seeking community input on ways the new Voter's Choice Act* model could better serve voters who primarily speak a language other than English, as well as those with disabilities and elderly voters.

Two advisory committees are being created: The **Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC)** and the **Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)**. The Registrar of Voters is seeking volunteers to serve on either committee. Members of the VAAC will provide feedback on the new Vote Center locations that will replace traditional polling places beginning with the 2020 Presidential Primary Election. Input is sought on various aspects of the election process.

Interested parties with experience working or volunteering with language-diverse communities or accessibility advocacy groups are encouraged to apply to the LAAC. There will be a selection process after applications are received. Members will be requested to attend regular meetings.

The first meeting for each committee is planned for the week of June 3, going forward on a regular basis during the initial feedback phase. Specific dates and locations for both the LAAC and VAAC meetings are listed below. Input from participants will be taken into consideration in the scheduling of future meetings.

The meetings are open to the public, and interested parties are welcome to attend even if they do not want to serve on a committee at this time.

The LAAC and VAAC committees will remain in place through the 2020 election cycles as an ongoing means to hear from the community. Applications will be accepted and new members appointed on an ongoing basis. For your convenience, applications are included in this email. Translated versions and an online fillable application will be available soon!

Language Accessibility Advisory Committee—1st Meeting (agenda is attached):

June 5, 2019

3:00pm to 5:00pm

Sobrato Center for Nonprofits

Cupertino B Room
1400 Parkmoor Avenue
San Jose, CA 95126

Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee—1 Meeting:
June 7, 2019
3:00pm to 5:00pm

Registrar of Voters Main Office

Berger Auditorium
1555 Berger Drive, Building 2
San Jose, CA 95112

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*** For more information on the Voter's Choice Act and the exciting new changes to our County's Elections, please visit <http://www.sccvote.org/voterschoice>.**

The ROV is committed to providing our partners with notification of events of interest to you. Please let us know if you would like to be removed from particular activities or included in activities that may not directly pertain to our partnership with you.

Thanks,

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Language Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting

1400 Parkmoor Ave., San Jose, CA 95126

Cupertino B Room

June 5, 2019, 3:00pm

- I. Introductions
 - a. Registrar of Voters (ROV) Staff
 - b. Committee members
- II. Purpose of meeting
 - a. Member and Public Input
 - b. ROV
 - c. Mission development
- III. Establishment of guidelines and goals of meetings
 - i. Ground rules
 - ii. Member expectations: handout
- IV. Voter's Choice Act (VCA) general discussion
 - a. Overview
 - i. Changes from traditional polling place model
 - ii. Language requirements for VCA
 - iii. Election Administration Plan
 - b. Questions
- V. Public feedback, questions and/or concerns important to Committee
- VI. Recruitment of new members
- VII. Next Meeting: June 19, same time and location
 - a. Sobrato Center for Nonprofits
 - b. Agenda creation
 - c. Ideas for additional meetings and dates
- VIII. Announcements
- IX. Panel Q&A

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Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) Application

The Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee will meet on a regular basis to discuss methods of improving voting accessibility and participation for older adults and persons with disabilities. Policy recommendations may be formulated at meetings which will be considered for adoption. All members must commit to remaining on the committee for at least one (1) election cycle from the date of the first meeting.

Please describe your relevant experience in the space below:

Experience in working on accessibility issues pertaining to disability rights, etc.:

Additional information can be listed on a separate sheet

Participation in an election or outreach in engaging community members:

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Please select all that apply:

- ☐ Santa Clara County Resident
☐ Employed in Santa Clara County
☐ Affiliated with an organization serving Santa Clara County Residents
☐ None of the above

I formally apply for membership with the **Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee** for Santa Clara County. I commit myself to being a member of the committee for at least one (1) election cycle from the date of the first meeting I attend.

Applicant Information

Last Name	First Name	Middle Name
Email Address		Phone Number (optional)
Residence Address		
City	State	Zip Code
Mailing Address (if different than above)		
City	State	Zip Code

Organizational Information (if applicable)

Name of organization you represent:	
Organization type:	
Website:	
Organizational capacity:	
Service provided:	
Estimated membership count:	
Meeting frequency and attendance:	

This application will not be accepted without the signature of the applicant.

Signature of Applicant

Date

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Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC) Application

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